

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS (SBC)



**“To Enrich Lives Through Effective and
Caring Service”**

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Los Angeles County

MISSION:

"To Enrich Lives through Effective Caring Service."

VISION:

"Our purpose is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self sufficiency, well being, and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities."

AUTHORITY

The Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections is authorized by Chapter 2.82 of the Los Angeles County Code and consists of ten members; two from each Supervisorial district, with the Sheriff and the Chief Probation Officer Servicing as ex-officio members. The Commission meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street in Los Angeles.

OBJECTIVE

The activities of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC) represent the County's Strategic Goal #1 and #3.

■ Los Angeles County Strategic Goal #1:

OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS: Maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

■ Los Angeles County Strategic Goal #3:

INTEGRATED SERVICES DELIVERY: Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors or as directed by a judge of the Superior Court, the SBC conduct inspections of each jail or lockup in the County, County probation and correctional facilities and group homes under contract with the County to provide residential placements to minors who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Family Services and/or Probation Officer which is located in the County. In visiting and inspecting, the SBC Commissioners examine every department of each institution to ascertain its condition as to effective and economical administration, cleanliness, discipline and comfort of its inmates and advise on industrial and educational programs.

APPOINTMENTS BY SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS AND VACANCIES



SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

First Supervisorial District

Frank S. Bacio, Vice Chairperson

(1 Vacancy)

SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Second Supervisorial District

Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D.

Commissioner Susan Burton

SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

Third Supervisorial District

(2 Vacancies)

SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

Fourth Supervisorial District

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montano

Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

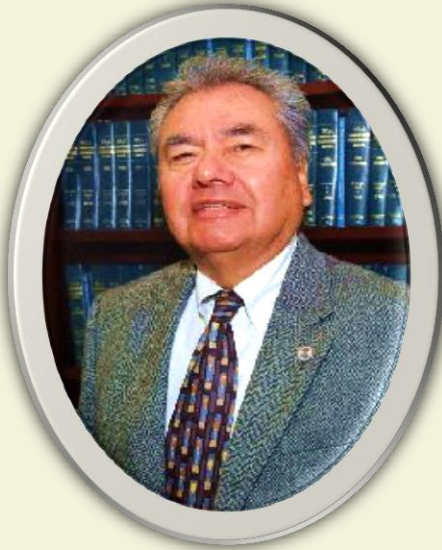
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

Fifth Supervisorial District

Commissioner Barbara Bigby

Commissioner Anne S. Hill

MEET THE COMMISSIONS FOR ANNUAL YEAR 2012



Frank S. Bacio
Vice Chairperson
1st District



Eleanor R. Montano
Chairperson
4th District



Commissioner
Susan Burton
2nd District



Commissioner
Donald S. Andrews
4th District



Commissioner
Anne S. Hill
5th District



Commissioner
Cheryl Grills, Ph.D.
2nd District



Commissioner
Barbara Bigby
5th District

During calendar year 2012 the Commission accomplished many of its objectives including the following:

❑ **INSPECTIONS:**

- Conducted a total of 305 inspections of group homes, jail/lock-ups and probation camps in Los Angeles County.
- Travelled and estimated annual mileage of approximately 30, miles to conduct site inspections.

❑ **MEETINGS:**

- The Commission conducted a total of 44 meetings, including 12 monthly business meetings with representatives from the Department of Children and Family Services, the Probation Department, Mental Health Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the County Auditor Controller's Office and the County's Internal Service Department.

The Monthly SBC Business Meetings fostered a unique environment that allowed the Commissioners to work collaboratively with the representatives from the County departments to address the concerns and the unsatisfactory findings from the inspections. This invaluable collaborative effort aided to ensure that appropriate corrective actions were issued and monitored to make sure that both the juvenile and adult detention inmates in County Jail facilities, probation camps and group homes were in a safe environment.



During the SBC Business Meeting, representatives from various County Departments are seen here discussing updates and recommendations to some of the deficiencies identified during SBC inspections.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

- The SBC met with the members of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence (CCJV) Honorable Lourdes G. Baird, Chair, Miriam Aroni Krinsky, Executive Director, and Richard E. Drooyan, General Counsel, to commend them for their outstanding work and due diligence in preparing the September 2012 report and recommendations related to excessive use of force in the Los Angeles County jails, as well as, discussion of useful recommendations that will assist the SBC Commissioners in their inspection of the County jails and lock-up facilities.
- The Commission sent representation to Men's Central Jail (MCJ) on November 6, 2012 to observe and help facilitate the voting process for the inmates. As a result of the visit and observation, a commendation letter was awarded to Sergeant Roel D. Garcia of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department EBI/Community Transition Unit for assisting and ensuring that all 1,269 registered inmates were able to vote.
- Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief, Adult Field/Juvenile Placement Services, Probation Department, was at the June 20, 2013 SBC Business Meeting to present and discuss the California Legislature that passed the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) which transferred responsibility for supervising specific low-level inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to Counties.



The SBC Commissioners listened intently as Ms. Cardenas of the Probation Department presented on the steps the Probation Department is taking to provide assistance to the youth that are victims of sex trafficking at the June 20, 2012 SBC Business Meeting.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS



SBC Commissioners visited MCJ on June 19, 2012 and July 12, 2012 to conduct an inspection of the newly relocated diabetic ward; and on November 6, 2012 to observe and ensure that inmates were treated fairly and afforded their rights to partake in the voting process



STAR PERFORMER REPORT!

- The Commission sent a letter of commendation to Sergeant Roel D. Garcia of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, EBI/Community Transition Unit for his excellent performance in coordinating the voting process for the inmates at the MCJ on November 6, 2012.*
- The Commission awarded a Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Bill Bermudez of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall for his excellent teaching methods which fosters a teaching environment that broadens the learning experiences of the students.*

SBC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SBC maintains a savings account funded strictly through the voluntary monthly dues paid by each commissioner. These funds are used exclusively to support programs and events associated with the Commission's activities. Each transaction is voted on and any disbursement of the Commission's funds are placed on the agenda and approved by the majority vote of the Commission.

- During 2012 SBC awarded two \$300 scholarships to two deserving graduating high school foster youth, Reyan'na Milsap and Olivia Clark to help offset some cost as the recipients pursue their higher education in a collegiate classroom.

2012 Scholarship recipients Olivia Clark and Reyan'na Milsap proudly displays their \$300 mock scholarship check during the SBC Award Presentation Breakfast on June 26, 2012



Back row; L-R Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Ex-Commissioner Carl Moore and Commissioner Frank S. Bacio

Front row; L-R Olivia Clark, Reyan'na Milsap, Former Commissioner Rita Hall, Chairperson Eleanor R. Montano, and Commissioner Barbara Bigby

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SBC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2012 scholarship recipients also received a five-signature scroll from Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, during the June 26, 2012 Board meeting.



Chairman of the Board, Zev Yaroslavsky, pictured here with the 2012 SBC Scholarship recipients and the SBC Commissioners during the scroll presentation to Olivia Clark and Reyan'na Milsap during the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 26, 2012

Front row: L-R, Former Commissioner Rita Hall, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Olivia Clark (scholarship recipient), Reyan'na Milsap (scholarship recipient) and Chairperson Eleanor R. Montano

Back row: L-R, Commissioner Frank S. Bacio, Former Commissioner Carl Moore, Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews.



STAR PERFORMER REPORT!

In 2012 Talitha James (a 2011 scholarship recipient) was placed on a permanent internship position with the United States Senate Finance Committee in Washington D.C. where she worked as a research associate with the health team for one year.

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2012 ACTIVITIES



**Holiday Luncheon
December 2012**





THE COMMISSION'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2013

- ❖ Inspect all of the youth facilities and jails in the northwest area of Los Angeles County by the end of the year
- ❖ Inspect the larger probation camps and jails every six months
- ❖ Continue to partner with the Auditor-Controller's Office Ombudsman Program that would include distributing their written materials and collaborating on special projects
- ❖ Decide on the 2013 SBC scholarship candidates by May 31, 2013 to ensure that the deserving youth are acknowledged during their high school graduation ceremonies in June 2013.
- ❖ Remain in contact with the former scholarship recipients
- ❖ Continue to network with Group Homes to recruit potential scholarship recipients



ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The administrative support for the SBC is provided by the Commission Services Division of the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. The staff members provide the day-to-day support by conducting research on matters and/or issues of importance to the Commission. Additionally, the staff are responsible for the preparation of agendas, meeting minutes, reports and all other correspondence on behalf of the Commission. The staff also provide guidance to the Commission on County policies, procedures and regulations to ensure compliance.



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REPRESENTATIVES WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY AND
COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO
FULFILL THEIR OBJECTIVES**

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Honorable Lourdes Baird
Miriam Krinsky
Richard E. Drooyan

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Eric Ball

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